

### **REMARKS**

The claims are 27-52 with claims 27-36, 42-48 and 51-52 being withdrawn from consideration.

The above amendment is responsive to points set forth in the Official Action.

By the above amendment, independent claims 37 and 49 have been amended to recite “the surface of the surface layer has a hardness corresponding to steel and has an uneven surface shape”. This amendment is fully supported by the disclosure on page 11, line 7-9 and page 20, line 35–page 21, line 5 of the specification.

Claims 37-41, 49 and 50 stand rejected as anticipated by Kitamura (Japanese Patent Publication 11-105171).

This rejection is respectfully traversed.

As described at page 11, line 7-9 and page 20, line 20–page 21, line 5, the claimed heat resistant laminated conveyor belt has a surface with a hardness corresponding to steel and is formed by element wires having an uneven surface shape.

The belt surface pressure, when a liner and corrugated core paper are pressed and bonded together becomes high, so that the bonding performance is enhanced and single faced corrugated board production velocity can be increased.

Kitamura fails to disclose or suggest the above features, as acknowledged in the paragraph bridging pages 2 and 3 of the Final Rejection.

For the foregoing reasons, the rejection on Kitamura is untenable and should be withdrawn.

No further issues remaining, allowance of this application is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner has any comments or proposals for expediting prosecution, please contact undersigned at the telephone number below.

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